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Roxbury, Oct. 30, 1878.

My dear Phillips:

Thanks for your attentions in letting me know the uncertainty attending Aunt Mehitable Haskell's exit. It seems, however, that your first information as to her death was correct. I am glad that you & Lucy Stone were able to attend her funeral, & to pay that tribute to her memory which she so well deserved. I should have been with you on the occasion, had it not been that I had engaged some days previous to attend the ~~wedding~~ marriage of John C. Wyman and Lillie B. Chace, yesterday afternoon, at Valley Falls, R.I. It was a very pleasant gathering of some fifty relatives & intimate friends. Wyman is many years older than Lillie.

Thanks, also, for your tract on the money question — a question which I do not profess to have mastered in all its bearings, though I do not deem it

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a difficult matter to discriminate between that which carries intrinsic value with it, and that which possesses no such value; in other words, between gold, and a paper promise which may or may not be redeemed. With me, however, it is a very subordinate question, although it is assumed to be one of paramount importance at ~~their~~ the present hour. While the freedmen at the South are, on "the Mississippi plan" and by "the shot-gun policy," ruthlessly deprived of their rights as American citizens, and no protection is extended to them by the Federal Government on the ground of impotency, the old anti-slavery issue is still (and must be persistently insisted as constituting) the paramount issue before the country.

I cannot endorse your estimate of Gen. Butler. Indeed, your praise of him is so lavish as to surprise me. He was re-elected with a virtual un-

derstanding and expectation that he, of all others in Congress, would be the man to champion the cause of the outraged colored people at the South as against such haughty usurpers as Ben Hill, Gordon, and the rest; but on no occasion has he since, on the floor of the House, made any such issue, or protested against "bulldozing" the loyal colored voters, or arraigned Hayes's "conciliatory policy." Besides, he is sustained by the worst elements in the Commonwealth, and opposed by the best. I hope for his defeat.

Yours for the triumph of the right,

Wm Lloyd Garrison.

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